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1. AT DINNER LAST NIGHT ANTONIO FIGUEIREDO (MEMBER OF
PORTUGUESE UN DELEGATION AND WELL-KNOWN SOCIALIST AUTHOR,
EXILED FROM MOZAMBIQUE 15 YEARS AGO) TOLD CONGEN ABOUT HIS
MEETING WITH JARDIM IN MBABANE ABOUT AUGUST 15. FIGUEIREDO
SAID HE WAS HERE AT THE SUGGESTION OF ALMEIDA SANTOS (GOP
MINISTER OF INTER-TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION) FOR WHOM HE
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WILL WRITE REPORT ON SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE. HIS MEETING

WITH JARDIM HAD BEEN ENTIRELY SPONTANEOUS, THE LATTER HAVING INVITED HIM IN TELEPHONE CALL FROM MBABANE.

2. JARDIM TOLD HIM HE WAS IN NO HURRY TO GET BACK TO MOZAMBIQUE, BEING PERFECTLY CONTENT TO WAIT UNTIL PORTUGUESE LEFT, AT WHICH TIME HE WOULD BE NEEDED AND INVITED BACK. HE REITERATED HIS PUBLIC DENIALS OF ANY SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY OR CONTACT WITH MERCENARIES, SAYING HE WANTED TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH FRELIMO. HE STRONGLY URGED FIGUEIREDO TO SEE BANDA IN BLANTYRE, WHICH FIGUEIREDO DID. BANDA APPARENTLY SAID NOTHING NEW.

3. FIGUEIREDO SAID WHEN HE ARRIVED IN MBABANE HE WAS LODGED AT THE SAME HOTEL WITH JARDIM AND A NUMBER OF FORMER DGS AGENTS. HE WAS EMBARRASSED BY LOURENCO MARQUES PRESS QUOTING HIM AS SAYING JARDIM WAS A POLITICAL FACT OF LIFE WHO COULD NOT BE IGNORED. HOWEVER, HE WAS CALLING LISBON, REAFFIRMING HIS VIEW THAT GOP COULD NOT AFFORD LUXURY OF LETTING JARDIM FREE-WHEEL AND BECOME EVEN MORE FRUSTRATED AND URGING LISBON TO CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE AND CO-OPT JARDIM AS ONLY MEANS OF AVOIDING TROUBLE.

4. IN INTERVIEW WITH LM PRESS AUGUST 16TH FIGUEIREDO STATED THERE OUGHT TO BE A FREE CHOICE OF POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS HERE RATHER THAN MONOPOLY BY ANY SINGLE GROUP (E.E., FRELIMO). HE WAS DUE TO GIVE SPEECH AT INFLUENTIAL CENTRO ASSOCIATIVE DOS NEGROS DE MOZAMBIQUE LAST NIGHT. HOWEVER, MUTEEMBA AND OTHER DEMOCRATS PRESENT AT DINNER STRONGLY OBJECTED TO HIS REITERATING FREE CHOICE THEME IN SPEECH. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, SPEECH WAS CANCELLED BY AROUCA, PRESIDENT OF CENTRO, BECAUSE WAS CONTRARY TO FRELIMO/DEMOCRATS LINE.

5. COMMENT: IT APPEARS POSSIBLE THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENT DEGREES OF OPINION WITHIN GOP CONCERNING BEST WAY TO HANDLE JARDIM AND THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES IS PERHAPS MORE ADAMANT THAN ALMEIDA SANTOS IN REFUSING TO DEAL WITH HIM. IN ANY EVENT, FIGUEIREDO IS NOW CERTAINLY PERSONA NON GRATA WITH DEMOCRATS HERE AND SOME OF THEIR ANGER MAY SPILL OVER ON ALMEIDA SANTOS. THOUGH FIGUEIREDO STRIKES US AS BEING POLITICAL HAS-BEEN, FREE-WHEELING HIMSELF, CONFIDENTIAL

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